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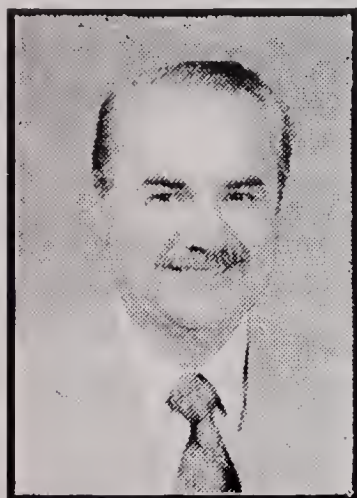
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President's Message

As our annual fall show is now history, and our election of officers signals the start of a new term, it is time to reflect on what has been accomplished in the past, and what lies ahead for us as an organization. It has become obvious through the experience of the past two shows that hosting a successful show has a lot of pitfalls, including getting a good show date and a decent location at a reasonable price. The numismatic part is quite enjoyable with many fine people willing to share

their knowledge with others in a true learning experience. As an organization, we must strive to have the best of two worlds to be successful.

I think of our last show as snatching victory from defeat, as the very successful raffle and the down-sizing of space at the hotel, were the main things that made it profitable. For the second year in a row, we failed to attract a crowd of any size. It is very difficult to sell bourse tables with this problem. The dealers for the most part, said they did okay this year, however, there were 15 less tables than the previous year which should have helped their sales as the crowd was about the same size. Rather than continue to fight the battle of poor attendance/dealer reluctance to setup at Peoria, it appears to be time to try a new location with a larger population for our next fall show. We have been able to find a suitable location in the south Chicago suburb of Homewood. It is a Best Western at the intersection of I-80 and Rt. 1 (Halsted). It is about 20 miles from O'Hare, yet very accessible to anyone coming to the show from the south (I-57), east or west (I-80) or north (I-294). It is a lovely facility which has everything needed, plus many amenities to make your stay very enjoyable. We also have three active coin clubs in the immediate area which will help us put on the show, which will add a new dimension to our regular activities. Our show date is September 29 - October 1, which doesn't appear to have any major conflicts. This will be our opportunity to make our organization a representative of the whole state. I will lead ILNA in whatever direction my instincts tell me, however, if this compromise doesn't work out, we will have only smaller and less significant shows in the future. Our past two shows have both been profitable, however, we have worked very hard and have been very fortunate. Our membership support has been super. In the future, I see the show probably being moved from time to time, with another show at Peoria if the business climate improves in that area.

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In the immediate future, we have an ILNA show hosted by CINA of Springfield scheduled for March 19, 1995. The one day show will feature a hospitality room, seminars, ILNA table and approximately 35 dealers. Our board will take this opportunity also, to hold a meeting. We all hope to see you there.

Many thanks to the National Organizations which held regional meetings at our last show. Hats off to Janice O'Neal and her husband of the Casino Chip & GTCC Society, as well as John and Mabel Ann Wright, March Wells and Joe Tomasko of EAC and L. J. Kaczor of the Bibliomania Society. We hope that these fine organizations will choose to be represented again at our next fall show.

The Sunday meeting for awards was most gratifying for me, as well as most who attended. It was good to see some of our long term members, who probably hadn't attended a state show in many years. We have a great membership. Let's keep it going.

In closing, many thanks to Mark Wieclaw, who did not run for re-election, for the many years he served on the board and as an officer. His contribution over the years will be long remembered. Best Wishes, Mark.

Numismatically yours,

Kermit W. Wasmer
President, ILNA

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Membership dues.....	\$1682.50
Digest Ads.....	149.00
1994 Raffle.....	467.00
1993 Raffle.....	584.00
1993 Convention profit.....	604.51
Donations	11.00
Interest on checking account.....	2.76
Total Income.....	\$3500.77

Disbursements:

Kermit Wasmer (postage).....	\$410.74
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1994 Central States Numismatic Society dues.....	8.00
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ANA (anual dues).....	30.00
Mark Wieclaw (2 rolls film & development).....	25.00
Checking account service charge.....	16.47
Gary Pyles (LM card engraving).....	3.00
Total Disbursement.....	\$3049.46
Checkbook Balance.....	\$1453.82

Note: The treasurer's report does not include the secretary's and treasurer's salary of \$150.00 each. Basically, it was a break even year.

ILLINOIS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL SHOW AND CONVENTION

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Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 1995

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The winners are as follows:

Bob Ohls	BU \$10 Gold	Peoria, IL
DeAnn Johnson	BU 1883 CC \$1	Watseka, IL
Wilbur Bauer	2 Silver Eagles	Iroquois, IL
Jack Coonrod	2 Silver Eagles	Roscoe, IL
Chuck Fowler	1983 Proof Set	Joliet, IL
Tim Glaue	1972 Proof Set	Peoria, IL
Kevin Dailey	1969 Proof Set	New Lenox, IL
Martin Vink	ILNA Silver Round	So. Holland, IL
Ronald Plattner	ILNA Silver Round	Goodfield, IL
Gregory Ahern	Silver Eagle	Bolingbrook, IL
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National Bank Notes (National Currency)

by J. Zillion, Westlake Rare Coins

One of the great things about collecting paper money is the diverse number of areas that one may collect. Perhaps one of the more popular groups of paper collected today are the National Bank Notes (also referred to as National Currency), issued by banks in various cities and states from 1863 through 1935.

National Bank Notes came into existence as a result of the National Currency Act of Feb. 25, 1863. This Act established a national banking system in order to help provide a ready market for United States Bonds, which were used to help finance the Civil War. Banks were issued "National Bank Charters", each accompanied by a unique Charter Number, which gave them a national identity for 20 years from their date of organization, and also authorized each bank to issue notes under its own name. These charters were later modified or extended by subsequent Acts of 1875, 1882, and 1902. A new series of notes coincided with each.

There are four distinct series of large-size National Bank Notes: 1) Original Series, 2) Series of 1875, 3) Series of 1882, and 4) Series of 1902. With the inception of small-size currency in 1929, National Bank Notes were made in two varieties until May, 1935, when, due mainly to the Depression, the bonds backing their issue were called in for redemption.

In all, 11 Territories, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico issued some form of National Currency. Not every state issued every type of note, however; in fact, a collector can assemble a complete type set of notes from only three states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. For various reasons ranging from local economics to incompetent management, many banks were forced to close after issuing only a few notes. For this reason, many Nationals, both large- and small-size, are quite rare, and in some cases, unique!

National Bank Notes were issued in denominations ranging from \$1 to \$100, all bearing the name and city of the issuing bank. Collectors of these notes can indeed tailor a unique collection to their own personal tastes. For example, one collector may only collect notes from his home town; another may collect notes of one state. Still another

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may collect notes from cities with unique names, or notes from cities in different states, but all having the same name! The collecting possibilities are endless.

No matter what the motivation to collect them, National Bank Notes are fun....and challenging! They were an important part of our currency system during some very rough times and remain as mementos of that bygone era.

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Sonny Henry's YN auction, which was held in conjunction with the main auction, was again a big success at our fall show. Approximately fifty youth bid on donated lots at the YN auction. Lots were donated by Mark Wieclaw, Joe Irwen, Hi Stamps and Coins, Brian Heil and Assoc., Clayton Hagemann, Keith Kaul, Garry Apelian, and Sonny Henry's Auction Service.

Fifty-five lots were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Each bidder had a limit of \$200.00 credit and was allowed to buy as many coins as possible up to that limit.

A sample of prices realized are as follows:

- \$110.00 - 1898-O Morgan Ancs MS61
- \$100.00 - 1849 Large Cent VG+
- \$ 80.00 - 1833 Large Cent VG
- \$100.00 - Mixed rolls of wheat cents
- \$110.00 - Mixed proof and recirculated wheat cents
- \$100.00 - 1921 Morgan BU
- \$105.00 - 20th Century Type Set

The bidding was lively until all the lots were sold. The quality of the lots were outstanding and will add to the young numismatists' collections. The auction helps our youth become interested in collecting and will encourage them to become the collectors of tomorrow.

Word has been received that charter member William Ashworth, LM #8 of Mattoon, has passed away this year. Our condolences to his widow and family.

Joe Attutis, member #1667, of Westville passed away this summer. Our condolences to his wife and family.

Both members were long time collectors.



Sonny Henry taking a bid at the YN auction.

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Coinology

by Jimmy Kaczor

As you all know by now, I am a collector of numismatic literature. I would like to familiarize you to one of the prizes in my library. "Memoirs of the Life of David Rittenhouse, LLD., F.R.S." which is a short version of the title as it does ramble on. It was written by William Barton, M.A. and published in 1813 by Edward Parker at Philadelphia.

David Rittenhouse was born April 18, 1732 and died June 26, 1796. His birth place, near Germantown, Pennsylvania, was called Paper Mill Run. The name should not be too strange as it is the place where one of his ancestors, William Rittenhouse, started a paper mill in 1690, the first in the colonies.

Young Rittenhouse did not have anything that could be called a formal education and so for the most part was self-educated. He acquired a sound knowledge of mechanics and mathematics and by the age of twelve had built his first clock made of wood. At age 19 he opened a clock and instrument shop on his father's farm. Rittenhouse had a keen interest in optics and astronomy. He built his own telescope and the first orrery (apparatus showing solar system relativity) in the colonies. His studies of the solar system were without parallel, here or abroad. Among his achievements was that of a surveyor, for which he built his own instruments. He did road and canal surveys, boundary surveys for New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Massachusetts. His surveys were accepted by Mason and Dixon. His commissions were many as he was the engineer to the Committee of Safety in 1775. To make bullets for the war effort, he collected lead from clocks in Philadelphia. He made rifled cannons and experimented with musketballs, cannon making and salt peter. He served as vice-president of the Committee of Safety in 1776 and president in 1777. He served as a member of the state legislature, state treasurer and professor of astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania.

It is said he made George Washington's spectacles and also made surveying equipment for him.

He served on the Commission of the First Bank of the United States. Both Jefferson and Hamilton nominated him for the post of director of the new mint, where he served from April, 1792 until June of 1795.

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On the death of Ben Franklin, Rittenhouse was elected president of the American Philosophical Society and held that position until his death.

David Rittenhouse had his portrait painted by both Peale and Trumbull. A marble bust was executed by Ceracchi.

The book I own was once in the library system of Philadelphia, and sold as a duplicate. I bought the book on an auction sale. This book is not listed in the ANA library catalog, or in "Select Numismatic Bibliography" by Stefanelli, or listed by Sigler in his numismatic bibliography.

Although his life in the numismatic world was short, he left his mark.

Jimmy is available to give club presentations on many interesting topics. Please contact him by writing to Jimmy Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr., Champaign, IL 61821, for further information.

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ILNA Gains In Membership In 1994

Please welcome the following new members to our association. Most joined at our show in Peoria last month.

Art Baurer - Princeville, IL
Jerry Gerber - Peoria, IL
Robert Howder - Bellwood, IL
* Cliff Mahoney - Bolingbrook, IL
* Michael Jowers - Peoria, IL
* Raymond Schroeder - Secor, IL

John Cupp - Davenport, IA
Thomas Horka - Lemont, IL
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John Moyemont - Dwight, IL
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*Asterisks in front of names indicate them as winners of a silver round.

We now have 29 clubs and 245 individual members. We have dropped 19 members through non-payment of dues and 3 deceased this year. We have picked up 24 new members and 5 clubs since the first of January 1994. It is a small step towards growth, but at least it is in the right direction.

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Election of Officers

At the Sunday meeting for the presentation of awards at the show, Glen DeValk and Joe Wagoner tabulated the results of the election of officers. A total of seventy votes were cast.

The results are as follows:

The amendment to the bylaws to increase the board to 10 members passed with 59 for and 10 against.

The following officers were elected to a two year term:

Kermit Wasmer, President
 Dennis Witter, Vice President
 John Zillion, Secretary
 Glen DeValk, Treasurer
 James Erlenborn, Chairman

The following board members were elected.

* Denotes a two year term, ** Denotes a one year term:

* L. James Kaczor	** Joe Irmen
* Joe Wagoner	** Joe DeModica
* Sonny Henry	** Darrel Geiger
* Erthel Rose	** Duane Serck
* Jack Huggins - New Member	** Steve Butler - New Member

Thanks to all the members who took time to vote and return their ballots. In the future, five board members will be elected each year to a two year term.

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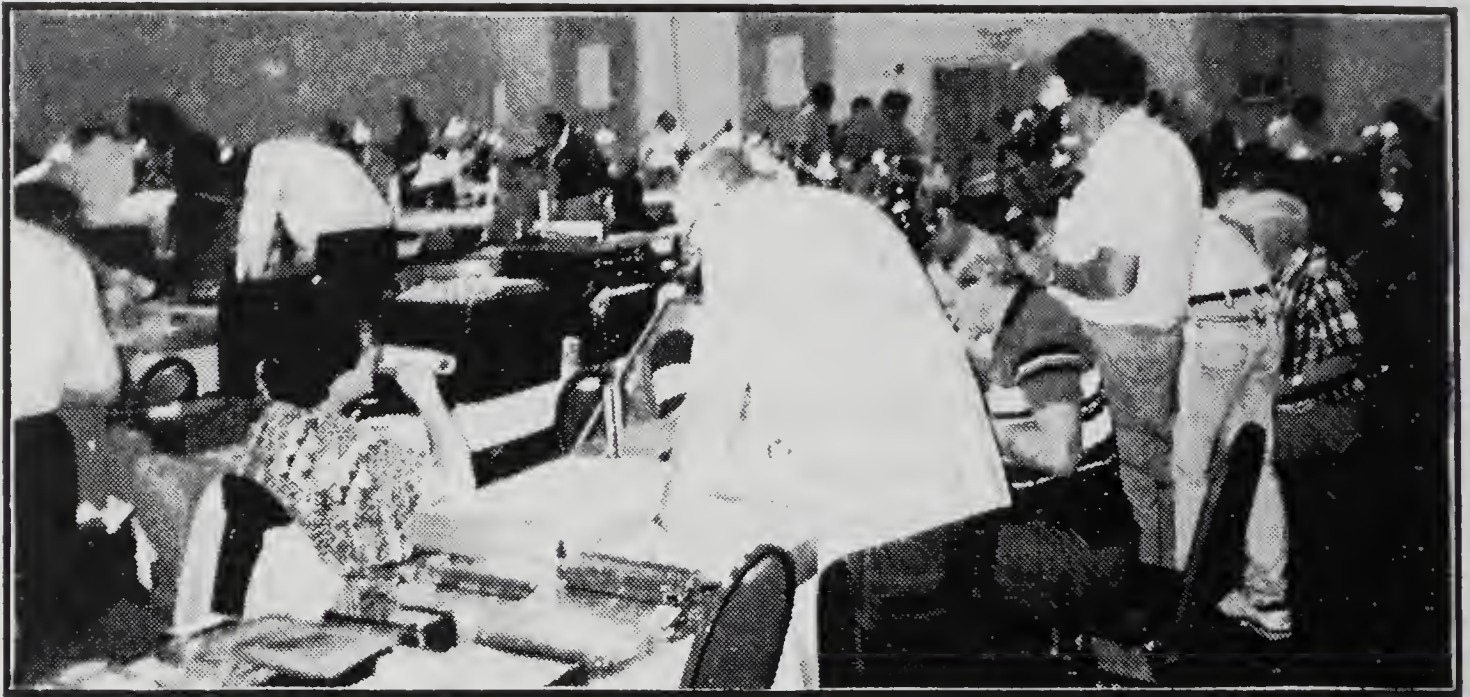
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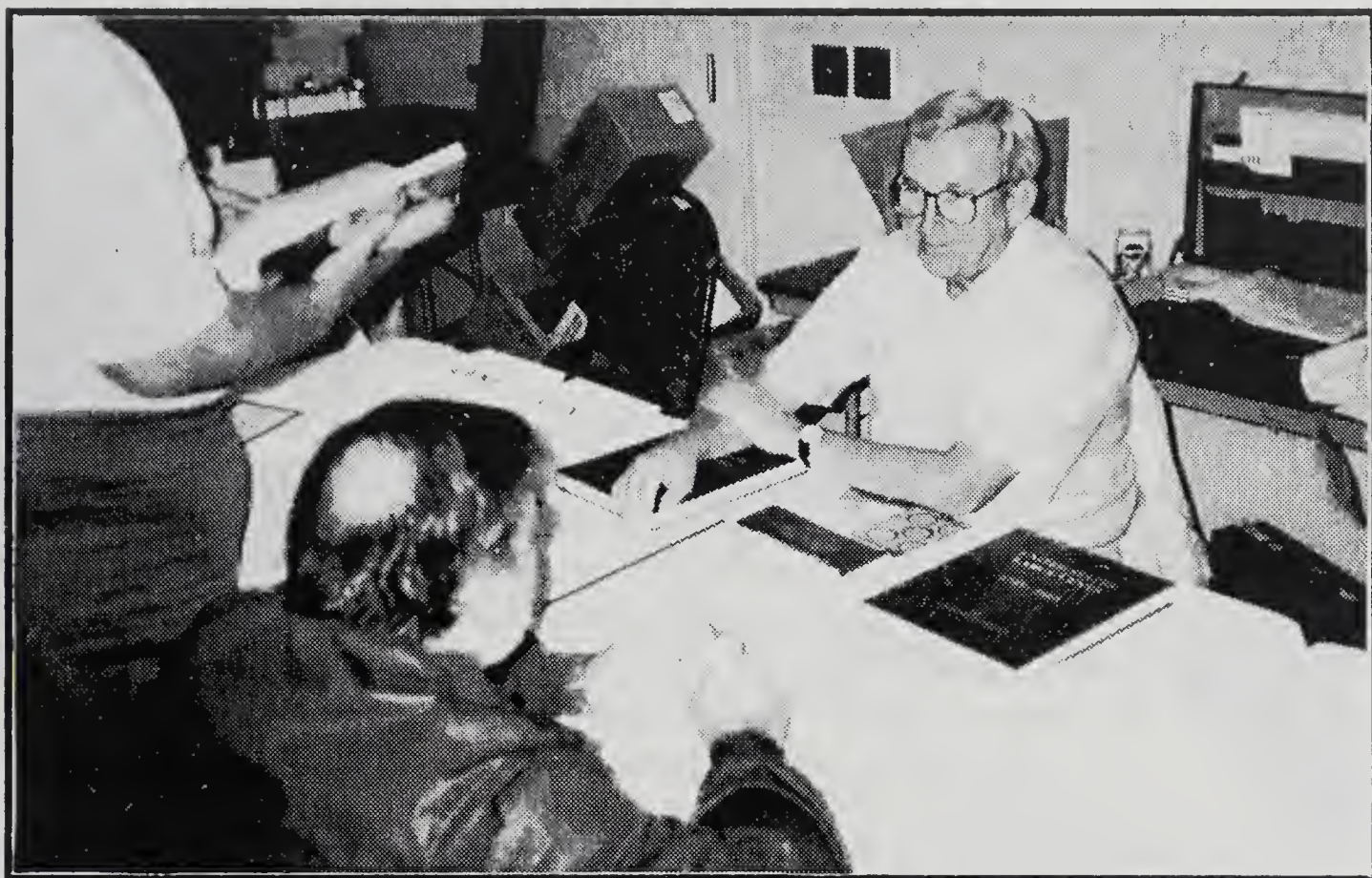
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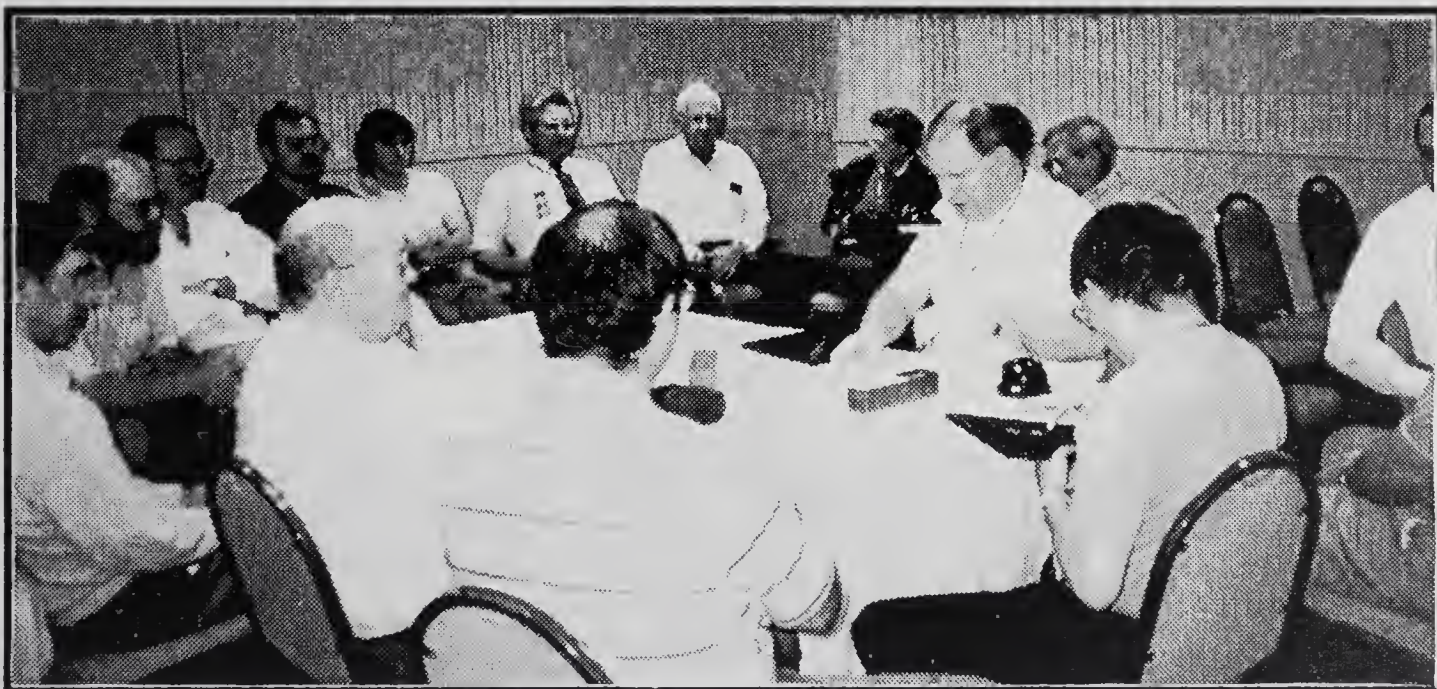
The 40 table bourse was very busy on Friday and Saturday but was slow on Sunday. Generally good sales were reported by dealers.



Dealer regulars at ILNA shows for many years are Bill Price and Jim Alsip of the B & R Coin Shop of Gilman, Illinois.



March Wells of Louisville, Ky. is shown visiting with EAC and ILNA member Rod Widok. March is midwest regional director for EAC.



John Wright of St. Joseph, Michigan is shown giving a seminar on large cent mint errors. John is an author, avid collector and treasurer of EAC. The seminar was followed by an EAC meeting.



Steve Wassel of Delavan, Wisconsin (center) making a point at his seminar on bust halves.



Mark Wieclaw of New Lenox making a point during his presentation on "Interesting and Historic Ancient Coins".

The First White Rajah Of Sarawak

by William Shannon
Oak Forest Coin Club

When he was born in Benares, India in 1803, James Brooke could not have imagined that he would become a rajah, fight pirates and revolting natives and issue one of the most intriguing series of coins in the world of numismatics.

After his schooling was over in England, Brooke decided to enter the military section of the East India Company and return to his native India. He finally got back to India in 1825, right in the middle of the First Burmese War (1824-1826). It came to a climax in 1825 when Burmese troops stormed across the Indian frontier to try to take the British stronghold of Calcutta. Brooke lent his hand in the fight against the Burmese invaders, leading 10,000 Indian Regulars. Though the Burmese were pushed back and Calcutta was never taken, Brooke was seriously injured and had to return to England for treatment. Though he recovered from his injury, the East Indian Company deemed him unfit to serve anymore and discharged him. He fell into a depression for a time, and finally decided that travel might bring his spirits back up. He would go to China on a long trip, passing through some of the islands of the East Indies. While he passed through these islands, he thought of the uncivilized natives. It was then and there that, after these thoughts, he decided that he would help to bring these "savages: under the protection of the British Crown and he hoped that this would lead to some semblance of order to these wild and uncouth lands.

When he returned to England, Brooke sold some of his property to buy a ship, The Royalist. He manned the ship independently and also with a little help from the Royal Navy, in hopes that whatever places Brooke took, he would hand over to the Crown to be made into a crown colony. Brooke could not have done this at a better time. He got a letter from Pengiran Muda Hasim, the Prince of Brunei. He was having a few minor problems in his kingdom.

The foremost of these little problems were that 70,000 Ibans, a head-hunting tribe that lived on the island of Borneo, refused to obey or respect the sultan, the prince, or any official of the Brunei government. Apart from that, they were being harassed by Halays and South China Sea pirates. Upon hearing of Prince Hasim's problem, Brooke said he would bring The Royalist and lend his hand in ridding the kingdom of pirates and belligerent tribesmen (and make a little money while he was at it by asking the prince for some retribution and loot the stores of the tribes and pirates). He arrived and met

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The First White Rajah.... (cont.)

with Prince Hasim, who originally didn't trust foreigners because of earlier dealings with the Dutch. But he took a certain liking to Brooke and invited him on a hunt, a great honor. Supposedly, during the hunt, Prince Hasim had fallen to the ground and wounded, wild boar was charging toward him. Just as the boar was about to kill the prince, Brooke killed it. The prince was purportedly so impressed with Brooke's feat that he abdicated and gave his princely position to Brook. This is conjecture, however. Most likely it happened when Brooke, his crew and his ship put down the Iban rebellion and slowed the pirating to a trickle. One way or another, James Brooke became the Rajah of Sarawak, which included Brunei, in 1841.

The major colonial powers of Europe, Britain included, thought Brooke wouldn't last long trying to rule over approximately 122,000 "savages". They were wrong. In the years following Brooke's take-over of the kingdom, there was a significant decrease in piracy and in native uprisings. Britain naturally, upon seeing Brooke's success, said to hand the island over to the Crown (after all, Brooke was still British, wasn't he?). Brooke refused and Britain grudgingly gave in and recognized Sarawak as an independent sultanate with James Brooke as its leader. After the British recognition in 1863, he returned to Britain for a time and that same year he was knighted into the Order of Bath. His health began to falter and he died in England in 1868.

He, however, left two legacies. First a line of rajahs that ruled Sarawak until 1946 and second a body of coinage that is the favorite of collectors the world over. The first Brooke issue on Sarawak was a one doit or keping token. It actually has two dates on it. It has the date of AH1247 (1831) and the date "Sept. 24, 1841", the date Brooke assumed power on the island. It is assumed that the token was minted closer to 1841 than 1831 because of Brooke's accession date. On the reverse are the initials "JB" and a boar, a symbol of the legendary incident by which Brooke ascended to the position of rajah. There are two varieties that exist of this token; copper and brass. They are quite rare, and while the mintages of these tokens are unknown, a collector could expect to pay \$200 for the copper token or \$400 for the bronze in Very Good condition.

The regular issues of James Brooke all carried much the same design. The obverse has a highly accurate and stylized portrait of James Brooke with the inscription "J. Brooke: Rajah". The reverse bore the denomination of the piece encircled by a wreath that bears some similarity to the reverse of some of the United States Large Cents. Brooke issued 1/4, 1/2, and 1 cent pieces, all dated 1863.

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The story of James Brooke and his becoming Rajah of Sarawak is an enthralling tale of adventure, war, and political intrigue. The coinage of James Brooke is also a very attainable collecting goal for anyone who enjoys coins with a real story to tell or who is looking for a relatively easy series to complete.

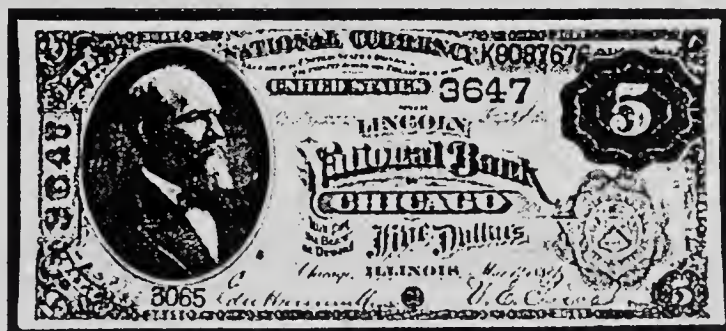
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Will Shannon, the president of the Junior Numismatists of the Oak Forest Coin Club, is giving Howard Ribbentrop a rest this issue with his article. Howard will be back next issue. Will is very active in his local club as well as a junior member of ILNA.



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Past Presidents Of ILNA

A project began sometime ago to reconstruct who our past presidents were in ILNA. The following list should bring back many memories to our early members. During the early years a president's term was for one year. Later it was to become two years probably due to the lack of candidates. A special thanks to Robert Leonard of Winnetka, Jack Huggins of Belleville, and Tom Nolan of Chicago for the records they have been able to furnish. Most of the Digests including the first one and a complete membership list through #600 is now available for information on the early years. Many unanswered questions can now be resolved. As this new found information is rather lengthy, it is appropriate to write several articles to completely research it.

Presidents during the early years:

1959/60	Ralph Winkvist - Rockford
1960/61	Glenn Murphy - Mason City
1961/62	C. Walter Loud - Springfield
1962/63	Richard Fry - Rock Island
1963/64	Ray Janusick - Lostant
1964/65	Joe Mileham - Springfield
1965/66	Joe Mileham - Springfield
1966/67	Roy Kuester - Centralia
1967/68	Roy Kuester - Centralia
1968/69	LeRoy Kaczor - Champaign
1969/71	Oliver Horton - Washington
1971/73	Robert Ruhs - Hamilton
1973/74	Jack Huggins - Belleville

More will follow in our spring issue.

If any member has information of LeRoy Lindblom, LM #10 of Albuquerque, NM, please contact the Digest Editor at the address on the inside front cover.

ILNA Board Member Profile

Jack D. Huggins Jr.



I am Jack D. Huggins Jr., one of your new board members. I live in Belleville, Illinois. I am 32 years old, and I am single. I have memberships in ILNA, ANA, CSNS, NOW, ISNA, and INA. I graduated of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville with a degree in accountancy. I work with my brothers in a Certified Public Accountant practice.

I started collecting coins at the age of 7, helping my father. This would be the time to mention that my father (Jack D. Huggins Sr.) was president, secretary, and board member of ILNA in the 1970's. Much of what I learned I know from him both on coins and business. I am an avid exhibitor and have competed at many shows. I won my first "best of show" at ILNA in 1972 at

the age of 10 with a simple set of Franklin Half Dollars - No Proofs. The first and only time that has happened at ILNA. I am a certified ANA exhibit judge. I have judged at ILNA the last few years. I collect U.S. coins, gold, paper money, but my focus lately is inaugural medals. I hope to help ILNA any way I can, especially in increasing membership and pushing for more young numismatist's programs. I welcome any input you, the member, may have. So, please write me or stop me at a show and tell me what ILNA can do for you.

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MAKING SENSE

by John D. Wright, NLG

This is the year that Napoleon's armies invaded Syria from Egypt. Word reached Paris of "the discovery at Rosetta of some inscriptions that may offer great interest". Bonaparte was elevated to First Consul of France and then was established as dictator of France. Britain instituted its first income tax to finance her war with France.

The U.S. levied a federal property tax to raise funds for a looming French war. John Fries of Pennsylvania lead an armed force against U.S. tax assessors. He was convicted of treason and sentenced to hang.

George Washington died at Mount Vernon, and the news reached Philadelphia (150 miles away) four days later. The U.S. Executive Mansion was completed in the District of Columbia, which would become the new Capital of our nation the next year. The U.S. mint at Philadelphia struck a few cents and half eagles, and many dollars and eagles this year. The year was 1799.

The least expensive U.S. coin from this year is the silver dollar because there were about ten times as many of them made as cents and their survival percentages are higher. If you want "just any" U.S. coin of 1799, buy a dollar. These can be had for a few hundred to a few thousand dollars.

Total coinage of cents for 1799 likely runs less than 50,000. Of those, maybe 300 to 400 survive, most in grades of VG or less. Exact mintage figures are unknown, since the mint report for 1799 represented mostly cents that were struck in 1799 and dated 1798. Over the past century and a half, several more enterprising souls have continued trying to "correct" this oversight by altering 1798 cents to the more expensive 1799 date. Many of these are excellent works, so any proposed 1799 cent purchase should be very carefully checked by someone familiar with large cent varieties.

A decade ago, over half of all 1799 cents I saw offered for sale as genuine were fakes. Today it is closer to one in every three being bogus. For a coin that ranges from several hundred dollars in wretched grade to several thousand dollars in decent grade, the warning can not be too strong — make **SURE** before you commit.

As an "investment" 1799 cents have performed poorly. They were quite expensive in 1860, in 1900, in 1940, in 1980, and still are today. But as a talisman of this significant year, or as the "must-have" missing date in most large cent sets, they are eagerly sought by many collectors. This is THE key date to the large cent series.

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Two obverse and three reverse dies are known on genuine 1799 cents. The "1799 Over 1798" is quite rare, with only a half dozen or so known of variety NC1 and maybe 60 to 70 of the Sheldon 188 variety. The more common "1799 Normal Date" (S.189) makes up the bulk of the cents of this year. Most of them are rather rough, dark, and well worn. Most 1799 cents have a weak date and a strong LIBERTY, though a few come with strong date and weak LIBERTY. Most have a very slight rotation, with the U of UNITED directly opposite the B of LIBERTY. Any obvious die cracks or rimbreaks are cause for grave suspicions, as the only such on genuine 1799 normal-date cents is dentil-fusing at right reverse. The reverse dentils are more often than not fused over F-A and over AME, with a single unfused dentil over that A. An up-pointing triangular chip is usually seen between the E of ONE and the T of CENT. The bases of the 9's are knobbed (not blunt or pointed) and are usually joined to the rim. But die-agreement with Sheldon, Noyes, or Breen plates is no guarantee of genuineness, as cast copies and electrotypes of 1799 cents are true to the original dies and are found everywhere.

My own collection contains one overdate, four genuine normal dates, and well over a dozen fakes of various types. This makes an excellent base for one-on-one or one-on-a-few instructional sessions. The best way to recognize the HUNDREDS of fake 1799 cents in numismatic circulation is to know the characteristics of the genuine (see above) and what are the most-common forms of the fakes.

John D. Wright is a leader of Early American Coppers, a contributing editor of "Penny-Wise", and the author of "The CENT Book", which covers U.S. cents of 1816-1839. He has collected U.S. large cents for over forty years.

MOVING????

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Exhibit Awards Presented At The Annual Fall Show

Exhibit: Spinner Checks

Exhibitor: John Wilson

Award: Best of Show

John Wilson received the L. Jimmy Kaczor Best of Show Plaque and a 1/10 oz. Canadian Maple Leaf Bullion Coin. Best of Show Award was courtesy of ILNA chairman James F. Erlenborn and coin courtesy of Harlan J. Berk.

Exhibit: U.S. Mint & Mint Marks

Exhibitor: Kevin Dailey

Award: First Place

Kevin received a Mexican 2 pesos in a custom ILNA holder courtesy of Harlan J. Berk.

Exhibit: Horicon Wisconsin Currency

Exhibitor: Nancy Wilson

Award: Second Place

Nancy received a Franklin Half Dollar in proof encased in a custom ILNA holder courtesy of Harlan J. Berk.

Other top exhibitors included two exhibits of 1984 Berghoff Restaurant Tokens and Money of Coal presented by Mark Wieclaw. The other top finisher, a charter 35 year member of ILNA, was Thomas Nolan's exhibit of \$3.00 obsolete bank notes.

James Erlenborn, exhibit chairman, was pleased with the quality of the exhibits and commented that the point spreads between all exhibitors was the narrowest he has ever seen.

— NOTICE —

Through an error in our records, Jesse Peters of North Port, FL was not honored at our state show for 35 years of membership in ILNA. Jesse was on the original board of directors from 1959 - 1960. Your certificate is on its way. Sorry for the oversight.

Club Profile

Indian Hill Coin Club

The Indian Hill Coin Club was organized on February 24, 1963. The idea for the club originated in a local hardware store. The store's owner and various customers would have conversations about coins and coin collecting. They then decided to form the Indian Hill Coin Club. The first year there were 19 members.

The club was incorporated in the state of Illinois on March 6, 1968. The club was a member of ANA in 1968, 1970, 1971, 1974, and from 1978 through 1984. It reached a high of 46 members in 1974. Currently there are 9 members in the club.

Its meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Avon Township Hall on Washington Street in Round Lake Park, Illinois at 8:00 p.m. Meetings include a door prize drawing for all members present, a raffle for everyone in attendance, and free refreshments. Programs are given every month by the club members on various topics or personal interests in collecting. Members who attend a minimum of 11 meetings each year receive a Proof Set.

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On behalf of the "ILNA Ladies and Hospitality Committee" I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of the ILNA members and dealers that supported the hospitality room at the Peoria State Coin Convention (Oct. 7-9, 1994). It was great to have so many of you stop in and have a snack and sit and visit.

It is this supportive attitude that makes us want to continue to make this a "social time" as well as a serious coin time.

Hope to see all of you at Springfield on March 19, 1995 and on September 29th through October 1st for the Fall Show and Convention at Homewood, IL.

Hospitably yours,

Donna Wasmer

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- Nov. 27, 1994 (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club Show. *Location:* Ramada Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), East Rt. 16 & I-57, Mattoon, IL. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$25. *Contact:* M.D. Sheperd, P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61107.
- Feb. 4-5, 1995
(Sat. - Sun.) Dupo Coin Club 38th Annual Show. *Location:* Ramada Inn, Rt. 159 & I-64, Fairview Heights., IL. *Tables:* 40. *Fee:* \$75. *Contact:* Harry Niccum, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Heights, IL 62208. Ph. 618-632-3331
- Feb. 26, 1995 (Sun.) Gibson City Coin Club Show. *Location:* Railside Golf Club, 120 W. 19th St., Gibson City, IL. *Tables:* 21. *Fee:* \$15. *Contact:* Roy Riblet, 422 E. Chestnut, Paxton, IL 60957. Ph. 217-379-2839
- Mar. 5, 1995 (Sun.) Wat-cha-kee Coin Club Annual Show. *Location:* East Side Banquet Hall, Rt. 1 & 24 East Junction, Watseka, IL. Free Admission. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$15. *Contact:* John Tonner, 550 E. Mulberry St., Watseka, IL 60970. Ph. 815-432-6439
- Mar. 19, 1995 (Sun.) ILNA Spring Show hosted by CINA of Springfield. *Location:* Best Western East, 3090 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$35. *Contact:* Steve Butler, 1712 S. 1st St., Springfield, IL 62704. Ph. 217-528-7634
- Apr. 30, 1995 (Sun.) Schaumburg Numismatic Soc. 14th Annual Show. *Location:* Marriott Hotel, 50 N. Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, IL. *Tables:* 44. *Fee:* \$35. *Contact:* Jim Davis, 1192 A - Azalea, Palatine, IL 60074. Ph. 708-934-1427
- Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 1995
(Fri. - Sun.) Illinois Numismatic Assoc. 36th Annual Fall Show. *Location:* Best Western Hotel, I-80 & Rt. 1 (Halstead), Homewood, IL. *Tables:* 60. *Fee:* \$125. *Contact:* Joe Irmen, 5 North 105 Rt. 53, Itasca, IL 60143. Ph. 708-250-7474

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Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 200 S. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Hgts., IL 62208. Phone Harry Niccum at 618-632-3331.

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